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EDITORIAL

Many things go to make a good pub. The very first is good beer, which should 'go without saying. However, I am about to cover a topic which is just as essential, but at first would appear to be outside the scope of CAMRA the toilet facilities. Let me explain my reasons for stepping perameters of content for such publications as this. There is a school of thought within the licensed trade to the effect that CAMRA should confine itself to matters of real ale, and that any view we express outside that sphere is an impertinence. However, it is on behalf of the whole drinking public that this offering is made — be they drinkers of real ale, lager, fruit juice or whatever else takes their fancy in a pub.

Some features of a pub may be pleasant extras to the bare necessities; others are downright essential. I have by-passed good beer, bar area and service which we expect as a matter of course but often don't get. The next essential is a decent bog. The human digestive system being what it is, coupled with the laxative qualities of beer, that which goes in must come out, sometimes at short notice. Now, our natural functions are something we perform every day of our lives, yet there must be few subjects (coupled with the relevant facilities and visit thereunto) for which there are so many polite — let alone impolite — euphemisms in the English language.

And yet the very term euphemism might be the most appropriate adjective to apply to the toilets which some pubs see fit to make available to their customers. By law, licensed establishments are required to provide separate toilets for ladies and gents with W.C. closet (not just a urinal in the latter case) and handwashing facilities with hot and cold running water, soap and towel or hand-drying machine. I'd go one stage further and say that the closet should have all of the following, though presumably they are supposed to be included (no order of priority is suggested; they should ALL be available): 1) door; 2) working lock; 3) seat; 4) working flush; 5) sufficient paper; 6) dry floor; 7) sufficient light. I can't for fairly obvious reasons comment on ladies' loos; I'm all for equality when it means just that, and certainly not in

favour of downgrading to the lowest common denominator. But when visiting the kind provided for my alleged convenience in recent months I have found one or more of each of the above list lacking. Take three pubs I use on occasions. The first had no seat or paper. The second, just across the road, no seat or lock and the floor awash. In the third, neither cubicle had a lock. When you're busy you can do without somebody blundering in with similar intentions.

Now it's not possible to have attendants present at all times and there's always the odd vandal or tea-leaf. But it takes little effort to report a discrepancy to the management. One of the above mentioned claimed that the seat had recently been stolen; I understand the time lapse had been several months — how on earth can you smuggle out a toilet seat through a bar — be it empty or full? If the problem is still not remedied on a subsequent visit, then it's time to ring the health people — or continue to suffer the consequences of apathy. In the third pub quoted above I found both locks to be in good order of the visit subsequent to mentioning them to the staff.

The vast majority of pub toilets are reasonable, some are excellent. So they should be, as of right. Anything else is a disgrace to the establishment and the brewery involved. A tiny minority spoil it for the rest, more's the pity. And I doubt even CAMRA's greatest detractors can deny I have a point — or CAN they?

Finally, and on a totally different topic, a word of apology. If your were confused by my piece in the last issue about the Castle, Cowcross Street referring to an advert for the same pub on the facing page, you were not mistaken in thinking I was in error. Unfortunately the list I was consulting was inaccurate, and as I don't generally see the advertising artwork, the misunderstanding went un-noticed. Of course, when London Drinker can afford the advanced technology used by some papers, we can be sure nothing can go wrong... go wrong... go wrong... go wrong... go wrong... go wrong... go wrong...

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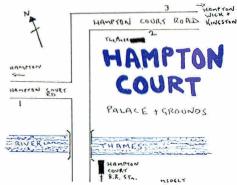
OUT OF TOWN Mini Crawl. — Hampton Court.



Just inside the Greater London boundary, Hampton Court Palace was built for Cardinal Thomas Wolsey in 1514 (he reached that rank later), and King Henry VIII took an immediate liking to it. Realizing this, Wolsey made a gift of it to the King, who magnanimously allowed him to remain in residence. This arrangement worked until 1530 when Wolsey fell from favour after failing to obtain Henry's divorce from Catherine of Aragon and retired to York, of which he was Archbishop but had never visited. The inevitable happened, and in due course Wolsey was summoned to London to face charges of treason and a short sharp shock on Tower Hill. Conveniently he died at Leicester on the way, possibly by poison. His name is commemorated at the Cardinal Wolsey (1), a Fullers house with Pride and ESB. Adjacent are the Tudor stables built to serve the Palace, which was in those days a mile from the nearest settlement - Hampton, upstream from here. The freeholder of the pub is the Oueen.

Walking round the Palace grounds, we come to the King's Arms (2), a historic pub with traditional public bar, and many board games (plus comics) in the saloon. The beer range is Adnams Bitter and Mild; Eldridge Pope Royal Oak; Hall & Woodhouse Kings Arms Bitter, Badger Best and Tanglefoot; and Wadworth 6X. It has a restaurant (closed Mondays), and is a useful haven while the kids get lost in the Maze inside the Lion Gate alongside. Across the road by the entrance to Bushy Park is the Liongate Hotel, (3) a Whitbread 'Coaching Inn' selling Flowers Original. Formerly the Greyhound, it was built for visitors to the Palace when it was still in Royal occupation.

The Palace itself was partly rebuilt by Wren among others, but it is easy to see which parts are original. A Classical north frontage was planned but never built — an avenue of trees and the Lion Gate were intended as a grand approach. The fire two years ago destroyed part of the newer State Apartments, and it was not the first conflagration. When it caught light in George III's reign his reaction on hearing that it was saved was to say it was a pity as he didn't like the place. Queen Victoria opened parts to the public, others are still 'grace and favour' dwellings. By reputation virtually every ghost in the almanac haunts the place, most notably Queen Catherine Howard (Henry's 5th wife), who was seen in spectral form fleeing from her guards to get to the King and plead for mercy - BEFORE her execution. Strange sights and sounds are still reported, and it would fill a book just to write up some. BUSHY



Mentioning books, a guide book is a must, preferably perused before visiting. Hampton Court Station — a mock Jacobean structure dating from the 1850s — is just across the river (bridge provided in case you can't swim), with a half-hourly service from Waterloo. Actually in East Molesey, Surrey, it is just outside the Capitalcard area. Typical. Short offering this time — Editors' orders — and next month I hope to finish my crawl of Windsor. Have fun.

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1	When you might find adders?	[6,4]
8.	In disarray, like a canteen.	[5]
	Its near a change for the worse.	[7]
	Bird has argument after fight.	[7]
	Pale like a bird?	[5]
12.	Was wrong to demand money with	
	menaces.	[6]
14.	You will see it where a sewer has	been.
		[6]
17.	Money found right inside the fish.	[5]
	He doesn't believe in robbery.	[7]
	Worried over sun disturbance.	[7]
22.	A single girl is wrong.	[5]
	Crafty when following pointers for	
	nothing.	[10]

DOWN

2.	Cheeky newcomer raises bitter.	[7]
3.	V.I.P. in from a Yorkist revival.	[5]
		[6]
5.	This month's worker is second.	[7]
6.	Censor Harringay's first lady.	[5]
7.	Itch is born out of disease.	[10]
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15.	Four in test are unimportant.	[7]
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Name.....

All correct entries received by first post on 29th June will be entered into a draw for the prize.

The winner of the prize will be announced in the August London Drinker.
Solution next month.

All entries to be submitted to: London Drinker Crossword 25 Valens House Upper Tulse Hill London SW2 2RX

Last Month's Solution SW12 OJV.



Winner of the prize for the April crossword: M.J.Moran, & Thornton Road, Clapham Park, SW12 0JU.

Other correct entries were received from:
Aardvark, Ted Bridgeman, W.G.Broadley,
Peter Brown, A.P.Comaish, Robert Day,
Ian Fairweather, Tom Finucane,
Miss April Fool, Eileen Graves, P.R.Hanson,
Alison Henley, A.C.Hilles, A.Loof,
Mrs G.M.Lines, Nick & Dave (Yorkshire Grey),
David Parker, C.J.Player, I.J.Roach,
Simon (Greyhound), Old Smokey, S.Standing,
Norma Stitz, Mike Trowell Spud Whale,
Windlass.

There were also 4 incorrect entries.

A MESSAGE FROM TONY RUDDLE



We have now completed our Brewhouse enlargement, more than doubling our output. There are some important points that I thought would interest you.

Firstly we have retained tradition. Traditional mash tuns and whole hops in the traditional coppers.

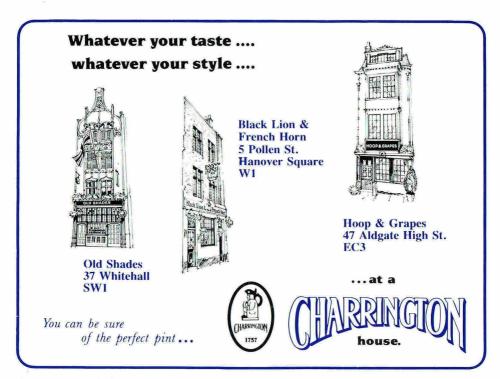
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CAMAL COMMENT

At a recent CAMRA meeting an informal discussion took place on the subject of cider and the attitude CAMRA should adopt to the promotion of this beverage. One member expressed the view that publicising the merits of cider in CAMRA publications and providing it at beer festivals is against the interests of small brewers, particularly those in the west of England on whom CAMRA rely for much of the real ale in the area. It is difficult to fault the logic of this argument, because ale and lager do not mix either in the production or the consumption of them. Why not also sell wine at beer festivals.?

The argument is not against people having the right to choose what they want to drink; it is that CAMRA should stick to the objects for which it was formed and leave other interested parties to look after the promotion and sale of cider. Somewhat similar sentiments have from time to time been expressed in relation to lager, but the logic is not so clear cut as in the case of cider. Real ale and lager, whilst different are not incompatible so far as production and consumption are concerned. It is comparatively easy for a small brewery to brew both real ale and lager using the same

equipment plus a few additional storage vessels. Many overseas micro breweries and home-brew pubs brew both, but globally, more lager than ale is brewed. In many cases, they operate in a market dominated by giants like Anheuser — Busch, Heineken and Dortmunder Union and still run a successful business. The argument that our mini and micro breweries are unable to compete with the big seven in the U.K. is a specious one. It is true that they would not be able to match the wholesale prices of big seven Eurofiz, but that would only effect them if they market their beer through wholesalers. To the brewers who have their own tied house/ houses, this is not a problem.

Many large independent brewers in this country have found it a commercial necessity to brew lager. Small independents may find that they will have to do likewise or risk closing down. It is not in the interests of real ale drinkers to discourage them from brewing lager; in fact the promotion of good lager would help to ensure continued supplies of real ale as well as doing a service to those CAMRA members who like lager just as much as real ale, provided the are good lager and good real ale.

LAYING WETHEREDS TO REST



By now you will be drinking Cheltenham Wethereds, as the closure of the Marlow Brewery was finalised in May, the last brew taking place at the end of April.

This could not go unmarked. CAMRA had made its feelings felt at Marlow with a march on 26 March (reported in May LD) but the very end needed something better.

The closure of the Wethereds ended a 230-year tradition, but was symbolic of a trend not restricted to Whitbreads. The brewing giants are built on the ruins of breweries and beers which have been bought up and discarded. In Whitbread's case, this means some 218 closures (say 500 beers at least?) in the last hundred years. CAMRA therefore decided to ceremonially 'bury' Wethereds at Whitbreads headquarters in Chiswell Street at noon on 30 April.

occasion 'tombstone' the For commissioned which commemorated passing of Wethereds and listed the breweries that had gone before: names like Nicholls of Lewisham, Gripper of Tottenham, Duttons of Blackburn, Campbell, Hope and King of Edinburgh, Jude Hanbury of Wateringbury, Isaac Tucker of Gateshead, Evans Evans Bevan of Neath and all the rest. CAMRA branches from around the country brought or sent wreaths for their local brewery, and all were ceremonially arranged outside the splendid ornamental gates.

The result was Television coverage the same day, and further press coverage following. The message is simple. Takeovers mean closures mean lost choice. Sprats are swallowed by mackerel who are then swallowed by sharks. Only a small proportion of the closed breweries were directly taken over by Whitbreads; most fell to regional companies that fell to Whitbread in turn. But all had to disappear to make Whitbread the giant it is. The story is the same for the others, but they

have not been closing two famous breweries this year.

CAMRA's objection to closures accepts that these closures take place under financial pressures from the investment institutions and the danger of further takeovers if a company every appears vulnerable. Already one of our largest national brewers, Courage, had been owned by two separate conglomerates. This, in fact, is what is wholly wrong and unacceptable. Because brewing and the ownership of pubs are closely linked in this country, takeovers happen because a big company is not better or even cleverer, they happen because a big company can buy out what it cannot compete with on merit. Watneys' absorption of Ruddles is a classic of this. In an equal, competitive market Ruddles would have swamped Watneys (as they indeed did where competition was really free). In fact, Watneys were dragged into the production of some quality products (Combe's Bitter, Hammerton's Stout) by competition, and then fell into their bad old ways by acquiring Ruddles so that they could drag that down to their level (and incidentally give up their attempts at quality brewing.).

This will get worse before it gets better. Now all the City and the Department of Trade & Industry are talking about 1992 and the unified, standardised enormous European market. Look for mergers and takeovers throughout industry as the argument for being big enough to compete dismisses as an anachronism the survival of quality firms with distinct markets of their own. How many more family breweries will fall to takeovers in the way they have recently been falling in France?

We either recognise that we have a distinctive brewing heritage in these islands or settle for a diet of diluted Eurofizz. Unless a way can be found of preserving the independence of the medium-sized businesses that produce the vast majority of the volume of quality beer, the future of beer itself is down the tubes — worse even than Fosters!

Mostyn Lewis

A special thanks to Rob Tough of 'Thames Valley Drinker' for the research that made the tombstone possible, and to the Brewery History Society for the original research. The Tombstone can be seen at Beer Festivals this summer, whilst a poster depicting the 'family tree' of Whitbread brewery closures is available from CAMRA HQ at £1.50 post paid.

BRANCH DIARY

If your branch is not mentioned, please ring the Branch Contact. Dates for June of which we have been notified are given below. Branches please send information to Andy Pirson. Branch Contacts page 00.

ALL LONDON: Fri 27 May (6.30) Farewell presentation to David Bruce at the PHOENIX & FIRKIN, Windsor Grove, SE5 (Denmark Hill B.R. Station).

CROYDON & SUTTON: Thu 16 Greenwich Beer Festival Visit. Meet 7.00 at East Croydon Station or 8.00 at Beer Festival – Mon 20 (8.00) Selhurst Crawl. Start CLIFTON (dep. 8.30) then SELHURST (dep. 9.00); WHITE HORSE (dep. 9.30); TWO BREWERS (dep. 10.00); finish BIRD IN HAND – Thu 30 (8.00) Branch Meeting. NEW INN Myrtle Road, Sutton (Back garden if fine).

ENFIELD & BARNET: Wed 1 (9.00) Garden Social (indoors if raining). SPANIARDS, Spaniards Road, NW3 — Tue 7 (9.00) Joint Social with North London Branch. MAID OF MUSWELL, Corner of Alexandra Park Road & Grosvenor Road N10 — Thu 9 (9.00) Garden Social (indoors if raining). TRENT TAVERN, Cockfosters Road, Cockfosters -Sat 11 Keep free for possible Black Country trip (Ring Branch Contact for details.) — Wed 15 (8.00 prompt) BRANCH ANNUAL GREEN GENERAL MEETING. DRAGON, 889 Green Lanes, Winchmore Hill, N21 (upstairs room) — Tue 21 (9.00) Midsummer Madness, SIR **JOHN** LAWRENCE, 2 High Road N11 then NORTHERN STAR (10.00), 130 High Road, N11 — Thu 30 (8.30) Menagerie Meander, Start SWAN then GOAT (9.15); WHITE HART (10.00), all High Street, Ponders End, Enfield — Wed 6 July (9.00) Two Pub Social. RAT & PARROT, 13 East Barnet Road, New Barnet the BUILDERS ARMS, 3 Albert Road.

KINGSTON AND LEATHERHEAD: Sun 5 (12.00) Social. GREY HORSE, Kingston (hopefully with live jazz) — Tue 14 (8.30) Business Meeting. GREEN MAN, Ewell — Sun 26 (12.00) Social at the NEWT & FERRET BEER FESTIVAL. (See advert for festival details.) — Wed 6 July (8.30 prompt) Business Meeting. SURVEYOR, East Molesey — Mon 11 July (8.30) Farewell Social. PRINCE OF WALES, New Malden.

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Committee Meeting. WHITE HART, High
Street, Hampton — Mon 20 (8.30) Branch
Meeting. RED COW, Sheen Road, Richmond
— Tue 28 (8.30) Two Pub Social.
SHAFTSBURY ARMS, Kew Road,
Richmond then TRIPLE CROWN, Kew Foot
Road.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Thu 2 (8.00) Greenwich Real Ale Publicity Pub Crawl. Start WILLIAM IV, 155 Trafalgar Road, SE10 — Mon 6 (8.00) Branch Meeting. PRINCESS OF WALES, 18 Wilmount Street, SE18 — Thu 9 (8.00) Greenwich Real Ale Publicity Pub Crawl. Start RICHARD 1ST, 52 Royal Hill, SE10 — Thu 16 (5.30) OPENING OF GREENWICH REAL ALE FESTIVAL. See advert for details (Ring Branch Contact for staffing).

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Mon 6 (8.00) Social, WOODMAN, Durnsford Road, SW19 Fri 10 (5.30) Branch trip to Salisbury Beerex, Meet Wyndham Arms, Estcourt Road (Gilberts). Overnight stays Fri & Sat. Names to contact — Mon 13 (8.00) Branch presentation to Tony Hibbs at RAILWAY, Clapham North SW4. - Fri 24 Old-fashioned Pub (6.30)Crawl Wandsworth, Start BEEHIVE, St. John's Hill SW11 (6.30). SHIP, Jews Row (7.30). ALMA (8.00).

WEST LONDON: Thu 23 (8.00) Branch Meeting. WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green, SW6 (To be followed by Special General Meeting to discuss motion that W3 (Acton) be transferred to West Middlesex Branch.)—Tue 14 (8.00) Royal Borough Pub Crawl. Start BUILDERS ARMS, 3 Britten Street, SW3; finish ANGLESEA ARMS (10.30), 15 Selwood Terrace, SW7 — Sun 29 (12.00) Sunday Social. HERON, Norfolk Crescent, W2.



KEITH WILDEY — FEARLESS CAMPAIGNER

The West Middlesex Branch of CAMRA reports, with a profound sense of loss, the death of Keith Wildey, Campaigns Officer and former Chairman. Keith, 33 years old and a freelance draughtsman by profession, died suddenly on Sunday, May 8th while on a CAMRA trip to the Channel Islands.

Keith first joined the Branch in 1974 and served as Chairman for nine consecutive years from 1978 to 1987. During most of his time he doubled up as Campaigns Officer, a position which he held at his death.

Under his guidance the Branch successfully made the transition from the heady days of CAMRA expansion in the late '70s to today's programme of consolidation. Almost single-handedly, he steered his Branch back into Beer Shows at Harrow in 1985, and inspired the highly popular (and profitable) Ealing 'Beer on Broadway' Festivals in 1987 and 1988.

Keith's dedication to CAMRA was fierce and wholehearted, not just at Branch level, but beyond: for years he played an active part on the London Liaison Committee, and he was particularly proud of his record of bar management at all Great British Beer Festivals. In campaigning, he was a devoted champion of CAMRA's objectives, never afraid to offer detailed but constructive

WEST MIDDLESEX: Thu 2 (7.30) Barbecue Social, LORD NELSON, 9 Enfield Road, Brentford - Tue 7 (8.30) Games Evening. OLD OAK TREE, The Common, Southall (Saloon bar) — Wed 15 (8.30 sharp!) Branch Meeting. KENT HOTEL, 2 Scotch Common, West Ealing, W13 - Mon 20 (8.30) Two Pub Social, VINE, Hillingdon Hill, Hillingdon LION, Hillingdon Village, then RED Uxbridge Road — Thu 23 (8.30) West London EGM (Future of W3). WHITE HORSE, 1 Parsons Green — Wed 29 (7.45) Wealdstone Crawl. Starts MORRITS ARMS, Wealdstone F.C., Station Road then RAILWAY (8.30); The Bridge, Station Approach; QUEENS ARMS (9.15), 19 High Street; CASE IS ALTERED (9.45), 74 High Street; ROYAL OAK (9.45+), Peel Road — Mon 4 July (8.30) Independents Day Social. BLACK HORSE, 425 Oldfield Lane North, Greenford.

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criticism; among his particular targets were breweries whom he believed slow or insincere over restoration of real ale, and pubs guilty of overcharging or unrealistic pricing.

West Middlesex will sorely miss Keith, both as a campaigner and a friend. All members of the Branch offer their sincere condolences to his parents and his brother.

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Budget Threat to Beer Quality

British beer faces its greatest threat as a result of little-noticed changes in Nigel Lawson's Budget in March.

The proposed moves could literally wash away what is left of this country's reputation for quality beer, in a flood of weak near-beers.

On the surface it was a mild enough Budget for the drinker, proposing:

- A penny on a pint of beer and cider.
- Around four pence on the average bottle of wine.
- Six pence on sparkling or fortified wine.
- No increase in duty on spirits.

All a little easier on the beer drinker than had been feared after two years of no increase in duty at all (with greedy brewers driving a wedge through the Government's antiinflation drive by raising prices faster than the RPI).

The bombshell came with the abolition of the minimum duty charge on beer — opening the floodgates for a tide of low-gravity 'cheapie' brews that can do nothing but harm the name of British beer similar to the way the 'cheapie' sector has tarnished the image of Scotch whisky.

These new brews will now be able to call themselves beer. They will almost exclusively be canned, the sort of 'own label' brands aimed specifically at the take-home and off-licence markets.

They will lead to increased confusion among customers. The average housewife pushing her trolley around Tescos will not appreciate the difference between a 1016 and 1036 brew. The existing confusion between no and low alcohol beer is a pointer of things to come.

CAMRA chairman Jim Scanlon sees further troubles:

"This isn't good news for cask-conditioned beer, which at lower strengths is less conducive to keeping.

"And there is an indirect threat to pubs. It is unlikely that reduced alcohol beers will be offered to the pubs at the same discounts that are given to the supermarkets."

The Chancellor said that this reform is being made in order to encourage people to switch to drinks lower in alcohol. But laudable though his aim is — it will be put into practice by sharp brewers who already charge the pub drinker over-the-odds for no and low alcohol drinks.

Commented industry analyst David Henry of Prudential Bache Capital Funding: "The abolition of the minimum duty charge on 'near beers' at once serves to placate the health lobby and to open opportunities for the development of products where the costs may be lower but the retail price arguably not — thus margins higher."

In other words, the new duty advantage of lower-strength beers will not be passed onto the consumer in lower prices. Only in poorer quality.

Breaking the mould, as usual, will be the more responsible independent brewers, such as Wolverhampton & Dudley, whose chairman David Thompson, when asked whether Bank's would jump into the cheapie range, said:

"Absolutely not. We don't produce anything near the 1030 mark as it is. Beer is a refreshing and alcoholic drink. Anything less than 1030 should be called something else."

He hopes that there will not be an explosion of cheap 'beer':

"I trust that the British brewing industry had sufficient regard for British beer to maintain its reputation."

Brewer's Society spokesman Mike Ripley said there should be a careful distinction drawn between strengths: "It is important all such beers should be clearly marked as 'reduced strength' to distinguish them from others."

The exact date for the introduction of the new duty bands has been left open, according to Customs & Excise, to allow the Ministry of Agriculture (who are responsible for any labelling requirements) to consult the trade.

What is proposed from October 1, 1988

- The flat rate of duty for 'beers' of original gravity 1016 to 1030 will be abolished (they are presently charged at the rate of 1030).
- Brews under 1030 will benefit from a reduction in duty of 90p per hectolitre for every degree under 1030.
- Brews under 1016 (normally 1.2% ABV) will remain exempt from duty.

Danny Blyth

'Did you ever taste beer?' 'I had a sip of it once' said the small servant. 'Here's a state of things!' cried Mr Swiveller...' 'She never tasted it — it can't be tasted in a sip!'

DICK SWIVELLER, Charles Dickens

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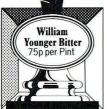
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SPIKKA DA LINGO?

The following text was taken from a Salisbury pub which has NO connection with CAMRA

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16th century local 17th century local 18th century local Local's pub Odd clientele Pleasant atmosphere

Traditional pub Riverside pub Quiet pub Young persons' pub

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Busy
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Large pub
Lively
Unpretentious
Attractive pub
Theatrical associations

Serious minded local Worth going out of your way to find

Anyone who has ever been involved in preparing pub descriptions for guides will know how difficult it is to find something different to say each time. There is, unfortunately, no official CAMRA guideline on this topic and reading between the lines can be quite misleading. However I did once see a

Drunken licensee Rat-hole Freezing cold Suffocating

No paper in the toilet Tourist infested

Licensee wears suit and tie and has a degree in economics

17th century local 18th century local Victorian pub

Strangers made unwelcome

Gay pub

Drunken clientele Licensee thinks he is God

Full of students

Miserable licensee and no music Acne stricken yobbos throwing up

all over the place For alcoholics Service diabolical

Expensive Young persons' pub (v.i.) Fights break out regularly No lock on W.C. door

Twee and frighteningly expensive

Maggie Smith once pecked inside the door and quite rightly went on her way

The vicar drops in for a pint

You have to go out of your way to find

list of cuphemisms to be used in school reports, and such phrases as 'has imagination' would be more accurate as 'tells lies'. MS.



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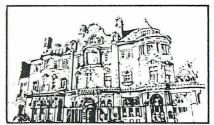
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SOUTH EAST LONDON CAMRA NEWS

The branch held a very successful social at the ever popular Dulwich Wood House on the 31st March. Unfortunately it was too early in the season for the twenty or so members present, to use the excellent pub-garden facilities, so the branch virtually took over the public bar for the evening. The Dulwich Wood House (Youngs) is already being mooted as the possible pub of the summer season; the choice will be voted on by branch members in due course. There is no doubt that the garden of the Wood House is a perfect venue for summer evenings. (see right)

Harking back to last winter, on the 28th April the Branch presented a suitably engraved CAMRA mirror to the Dog & Bell, Deptford SE8 to commemorate its choice as the pub of the winter season. To mark the occasion the licensee, Jenny Tapping, obtained supplies of Batemans mild and Palmers Tally Ho. Unfortunately Jenny will shortly be leaving the Dog & Bell but we understand that the new licensee is enthusiastic about real ale, so we look forward to the Dog & Bell maintaining its high standards. Incidentally the Dog & Bell gained its name in a rather unusal way. It used to be called the Marine - there being a barracks for marines in the vicinity. Many years ago most of the pub windows were broken one boisterous evening and a local glazier did a deal with the landlord. Unfortunately the only panes he had available bore images of a dog and a bell. The pub is believed to have been the only one called the Marine and the old pub sign showing a marine in regency period uniform still at the pub is to be restored by the Royal Marines for their museum.



Our photograph shows the mirror being presented to Jenny, to whom we again express our thanks for her past efforts and our good wishes for the future.



At long last branch members, along with those from Bexley, Bromley and Croydon, have completed all 1200 pub surveys for the new S.E. London pub guide. Our thanks to the intrepid inspectors. We are now working on the collation of the guide which we hope to launch at the Greenwich Beer Festival; barring any last minute snags!

The 10th Greenwich Beer Festival will have free admission on Thursday evening 16th June, to all holders of this issue of London Drinker. So even if you are not a CAMRA member (they will be admitted free every session) you can get in for nothing on the opening evening. In fact Thursday evening promises to be very special with about 12 milds that evening, including Shepherd Neame — no longer brewed as a real ale on a commercial basis and Sarah Hughes original mild which at an OG of 1058 is easily the strongest mild in the country. (see also p.29). We will also be featuring Armada Ale, a cask version of the bottled beer brewed by Harveys of Sussex specially for this years Armada Exhibition in Greenwich.

On Friday evening we feature the Ken Sims Dixieland band with the ever popular Fulham Brass Band on Saturday evening. A letter in last month's Drinker from Tom Vickers regarding loud entertainment at beer festivals, prompts me to make the point, for those who don't know the Greenwich Beer Festival, that we have our entertainments in a second hall, quite separate from the main hall. So, Mr Vickers, you can enjoy a quiet drink at Greenwich or whoop it up with the bands if you wish — we look forward to seeing you at the Festival.

On Saturday lunchtime we will have our usual fully supervised creche so that the harassed mums (and dads!) can drink at their leisure. Also on Saturday lunchtime Brewlab of the City of London Polytechnic are intending to arrange samplings so that participants can

continued opposite.

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establish their personal tasting abilities. As reported in last month's Drinkers after branch members visited Brewlab, participation in these tasting sessions is very informative and well worthwhile. Anybody interested in participating should phone Keith Thomas of Brewlab on 01-283 1030.

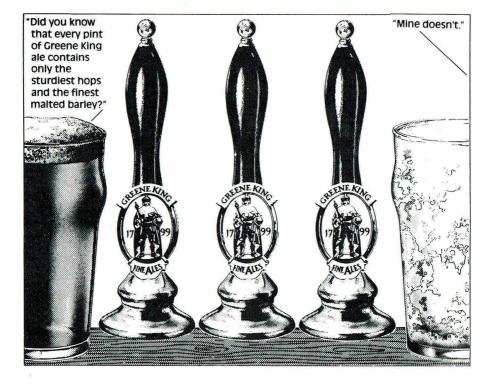
We are still looking for helpers at the festival

and also for our festival publicity pub crawls on the 2nd June (William IV, Trafalgar Road SE10) and 9th June (Richard 1, Royal Hill SE10). These publicity crawls distributing festival programmes are always great fun and although very popular we are always happy to welcome new crawlers.

See you at Greenwich!

Greenwich Beer Festival – Times and Admissions.

Thursday 16th June 5.30-11pm.£1 admission — free on showing this magazine. Friday 17th 11am-3pm free. 5.30-11pm.£1. Saturday 18th 11am-3pm free. 5.30-11£1. CAMRA members free at all times on production of membership card. Free crèche Saturday lunchtimes.



BRUGES BREAK

We recently received details of foreign tasting tours operated under the name of "Boo's Breaks". They are mainly wine tasting trips but included in their programme are two weekend trips to Bruges in Belgium to taste the excellent beers brewed in the locality.

The trips take in brewery visits and two tasting sessions at the Beer Academy (That's what the brochure says). The dates of the two trips in 1988 are 1st to 3rd October and 3rd to 5th December. Travel is by luxury coach and Sealink ferry starting from either London or Dover. Prices are £149 per person or £20 extra for a single hotel room.

For further details contact Arblaster & Clarke, Boo's Breaks, 104 Church Road, Steep, Petersfield, Hampshire, GU32 2DD or telephone 0730 66883.



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CAMRA VOTES



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At the 10th Great British Beer Festival held at the Brighton Metropole 4 - 8th August 1987, CAMRA, The Campaign for Real Ale, voted King & Barnes Sussex Bitter the Best Standard Bitter in their Champion Beer of Britain Competition.

Historicrawl - GREENWICH

This month sees the 10th Greenwich Beer Festival, and so a crawl of the area seems appropriate. Unless pubs have some special point of interest I will simply list their beers and refer you to the map – for a lot of pub information I am indebted to South-East London Branch; not laziness on my part – my notebook with all the details was stolen with yet ANOTHER bike.

Greenwich has a recorded history going back to Saxon times and connections with Royalty going back more than half a milennium. It is served by a half train from Charing Cross, Waterloo: London Bridge. We begin this crawl at Greenwich Station, the eastern extremity of the first commuter line in the world the London & Greenwich Railway, opened in 1836.

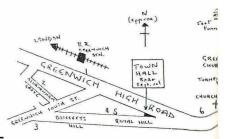
My most distinguished pupil, Merton – who claims to be self-taught – always seems to grab the best historical topics. However, this time I'm taking advantage of the fact that I'm taller (when he's sitting down) and have also known the area for three decades. I can, of course, step into his shoes (we both take size I3). and if the style is familiar it is because I always type – (and often re-write) his contributions; Hopefully you'll stick to the Festival and see the other sights at your leisure. You might then be tempted to pay another visit. I strongly advise taking an A to Z – the streets are a little too complicated to provide an accurate map – hence the addresses when shown.

Outside the station is the Prince of Orange (1) - Charrington IPA. There are two Shepherd Neame houses nearby - the Ashburnham Arms (2), 25 Ashburnham Grove and the Royal George (3) 2 Blissett Street - both with Master Brew Bitter. From the last mentioned. head towards the clock tower of the Town Hall Venue of the Beer Festival. Turning right out of the pub, you will soon find yourself on Royal Hill, on which are situated the Fox & Hounds (4). Charrington IPA, adjacent to the Richard I (5), Youngs Bitter and Special both with pleasant gardens. The latter is known locally as 'Tollys', having once been a Tolly Cobbold house. Crossing the main road and turning right we encounter the Mitre (6), Bass and IPA (no need to keep repeating the name Charrington).

Adjacent is St Alfege's Church, the reputed site of the martyrdom of that Archbishop of Canterbury – who spelt his name AELFHEAH – by the invading Danes in 1012 for refusing to let a ransom be raised for him.

King Henry VIII - who was born in Greenwich Palace - was baptised in the previous building, which was replaced by the one you now see after its roof collapsed in 1710, although the now enclosed tower is mediaeval. General James Wolfe, who lived nearby, was buried in the vault after being brought back from the Battle of Quebec in 1759 - both he and the French commanding officer, the Marquis de Montcalm, were killed in action there. Cross the road and go along Stockwell Street (whose name indicates a watering place for cattle) to the Rose & Crown (7), Courage Directors and Best. Continuing in the same direction you will go up Crooms Hill, renowned for its pub crawl - see the S.E. London Guide. It is one of London's oldest known roads - 'crom' is the Celtic for crooked - always the most fashionable street in Greenwich, with superb architecture. Do an about-turn, and facing the Rose & Crown is the still imposing if sadly neglected structure of the former Spread Eagle, once the principal coaching inn of Greenwich with daily services from London and Kent. It started as a tavern in the 1650s and had its heyday from the 1730s until the railway age tolled the death knell of the stagecoach. Nevada Street, in which it is located, was once the main road, as at different times were several thoroughfares we will encounter in this twopart crawl. Next to the Rose and Crown is the Greenwich Theatre (8), whose bar serves Sam Smiths and a guest beer. At the far end of the street is the Gloucester (9), which put on

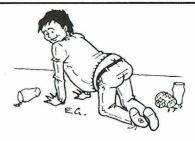




handpumped IPA as this article was in preparation. Built in 1833, it was licensed as an alchouse in March 1842 - at a time when Greenwich had 53 beer houses apart from inns and taverns (the difference being that inns then provided acommodation and taverns all forms of alcohol plus meals) – and as a hotel in 1898. Turn left down King Street to the King's Arms (10), Courage Best and Directors. Crossing Nelson Road - with great care! - a few yards along King William Walk is the Cricketers (11) – IPA, and alongside that runs Turnpin Lane, yet another former main road (believe it or not) in 1695. It now leads through Greenwich Market, built in 1831. In the middle is the Coach & Horses (12), Taylor Walker & Friary bitters, Ind Coope Burton and Tetley's. As you leave, head for the northern exit - left if you face the way you have just come from.

at come from.

On reaching the road, turn right and you are outside the Admiral Hardy (13). IPA. Thomas Masterman Hardy, after whom it is named, was Nelson's Flag Captain at the Battle of Trafalgar, who became Governor of the Royal Hospital (now the Royal Naval College) and died there in 1839. Turning left on leaving, proceed to the Spanish Galleon (14), Courage Best and Directors, voted the SPBW's Pub of the Year. It is the only pub in London bearing that name, and was built in 1834 to replace a pub demolished at that time, when a great deal of rebuilding took place in the area. Look in



the direction of the Cutty Sark – the only surviving clipper and well worth a visit – and you will see our last port of call for the present, the Gipsy Moth (15), Taylor Walker & Ind Coope Bitter and Burton. Formerly the Wheatsheaf, it is named after Sir Francis Chichester's boat (itself named after an aeroplane) which is on display by the river.

By far the pleasantest way to approach Greenwich is by river from London if you're not in a hurry and fancy some lesser known views of London. The foot tunnel connects with the Docklands Light Railway, and was opened on 4th August 1902. The domed towers at either end house the winding mechanism of lifts with capacity of 60 persons, which drop 66 feet on the Greenwich side and 60 feet at the far end. An inspection of the information which appears in both will reveal that the tunnel is 1217 feet long, contains 20,000 white tiles, cost £127,000 and is covered by 33 to 53 feet of water depending on the state of the tide. What is not stated is that the narrow stretch towards the other end is the repair made after a ship sank on top of it during the last war, after hitting a mine thoughtfully dropped by a passing German bomber. Next time I will comment on the Royal Naval College and the National Maritime Museum both recommended viewing - and will continue the crawl through the eastern half of Greenwich. Enjoy the beer festival.

Martin Smith





BROMLEY BINGE

As I head ever eastward on my crawls, the early evening finds me outside Mile End station. I note the booking hall is still largely as rebuilt in 1946 for the Central Line extension from Liverpool Street to Stratford, no doubt the early postwar fittings will soon be swept away by redevelopment for the new automatic ticketing system.

The E3 area has (relatively) civilised drinking hours for England, opening from 1700 to 2300 at night. Unlike for those of us with the misfortune to live east of Bow Creek, where only a handful of pubs grudgingly open to eleven, and one gets the standard reply that 'if we stayed open half hour longer, people would come in half hour later', with no concern for shift workers and the like, for whom the extra half hour is the difference between a decent drink, or a quick sup before the 'last orders' bell rings out. Still, back to Mile End, and a few yards west of the station is Eric Street, where a short way down lies the WENTWORTH ARMS (Charrington). Although it is just after five, the small bar is already busy. I take my pint of IPA and sit down to make notes. An electric organ in the corner, a fruit machine making irritating noises, and a gas light above the counter which presumably would allow the place to function in the event of a power cut - serving bottled and cask beers only of course!

According to the East London & City beer guide (Henceforth the ELG), Thomas Wentworth was Earl of Cleveland and Lord of the Manor in Stepney.

Retracing my steps to the Mile End Road, I pass the station again to reach the HORN OF PLENTY (Taylor Walker). The ELG lists this establishment as selling virtually every Allied cask bitter, but I can only see the usual Taylor Walker and Burton on sale. I choose the Taylor Walker and stand at the bar, watching the 5.45 news on a television mounted high up on a wall. The usual bad news pours forth, so it is not with regret that I leave and attempt to cross the busy Mile End Road. I am lucky that a traffic jam soon develops, so am able to reach the other side fairly quickly.

I head north up College Square, which is a conservation area of Regency terraces. Going up in the world too I would imagine, to judge by the Bentley Turbo and 'Neighbourhood Watch' sticker I spied. At the top of the road stands the LORD TREDEGAR (Taylor Walker). Once again, the ELG whetted my thirst with a long list of Allied beers, but alas once inside only Taylor Walker and Burton are offered, though in this keg-infested area I suppose we should be grateful of any real beers. I have a half of Taylor Walker, and ponder over the hideous mock-Tudor decor. The walls are covered with cheap brass nick-nacks - horse brasses, plates, and there are miniature brass street-light table lamps too. An open fire adds a welcome touch though, but I suspect it's one of those fake gas-powered ones (keg fire?), and not 'real'. A few customers lounge around by the pool table, but I soon finish and leave, going east to reach Coborn Road.

The bridge carries the main line from Liverpool Street, and there was a station here until 1946 when it was closed by the LNER. A quick walk south down Coborn Poad brings me to the MORGAN ARMS (Watney), at last a change from Taylor Walker! After trying a seemingly endless number of sealed up doors, I find one which does open and enter the saloon. Now to find the barman — but eventually someone breaks off from their game of pool to serve me a pleasant half of Websters Yorkshire. There are some nice wooden fittings behind the bar, but the public and saloon sections have been unsympathetically divided by an obtrusive screen. The shelves in the public bar have a couple of illuminated red barrels set into them, very appropriate considering I'm drinking whats fast becoming its cask equivalent. I sit at a circular red formica-topped table, which would seem to be a refugee from a Butlin's camp, circa 1957, and wonder if the gas heaters suspended from the ceiling still work.

Consultation of the ELG reveals that Charles Morgan was the first Baron Tredegar, on whose land the pub was built, so this explains both this pub's name and that of the previous one.

It's still early evening as I continue along Coborn Road to the COBORN ARMS (Young). A Whitbread pub until 1984, and a welcome change from the products of the 'Big Six'. My only regret is that I cannot stay longer, so after finishing my half of Ordinary, I walk the few yards back to the Mile End Road. I am in luck, the familiar shape of a routemaster on the 25 hoves into view. 'Bow Church only' cries the conductor, hoping to dissuade me from boarding, but to no avail as I only wanttogoa fewstops. Unfortunately, mystophasbeen temporarily withdrawn due to roadworks, so I perform a flying leap as the bus turns into Fairfield Road to avoid being carried even farther away from my destination, which is the LITTLE DRIVER (Charrington). I'm back on the IPA again, though I'm none to fond of Bass beers, but the pub is worth a visit if only for its huge mirror, indicating it to be a former Hoare's house (no funny comments please).

The betting shop next door was part of the old Bow Road London & Blackwall Railway station, which BR closed just after nationalisation in 1949. As I sip my half, contemplating all this history, a man at the bar spots my Young's Ram '135' pin. 'You must be a CAMRA member' he exclaims, tentatively I reply 'yes'. He shakes my hand, greets me like a long lost friend, and then proceeds to tell me the ins and outs of almost every pub in East London. Though he means well, I am thankful to leave, and once more walk east. Past a car lot which was once yet another station, Bow, on the Millwall Docks branch. Opened by the East & West India Docks & Birmingham Junction Railway (which perhaps not surprisingly soon changed its name to the North London Railway), it was closed by the LMS in 1944. The line below which runs under Bow Road is now reactivated as part of the Docklands



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I now waste my time by walking up Fairfield Road to the Bromley Arms, opposite the bus garage, only to find no trace of the promised Webster's handpump, so leave quickly and return to the Bow Road, taking refuge in YE OLDE THREE TUNS (Whitbread) for a half of Wethered's. Another mock-Tudor interior — what is it about the Elizabethan age which fascinates the breweries — or the publicans? But the friendly welcoming attitude of the landlady is real enough, how sad this is so often a rarity in pubs in London. Shove Ha'penny is in progress, and there is a curious device behind the bar entitled a 'dud detector' — for banknotes or barrels?

For my next port of call I cross the Bow Road, in the shadow of the famous church itself, and find myself in Bromley High Street. This is one of those roads which, though retaining their 'High Street' name, have actually been left behind by later development (other examples are Battersea and Poplar High Streets). It still contains four pubs, of which three are 'real'. I ignore the Rose & Crown (keg), and walk the short distance on to the MOULDERS ARMS (Watney). The barman asks me if I'm on a 'crawl', I wonder if it shows already. For some reason, I decide to have a pint, instead of half, of Combes. The decor is very much on the borderlines of a disco-pub. Fake ferns, padded edge to bar, and the words 'Moulders' on the plastic canopies above it.

Pictures of film stars adorn the walls for some obscure reason, as do photos depicting the history of the pub, according to the ELG. I don't remember seeing the latter though, or perhaps couldn't be bothered at this stage to look for them.

About a minutes walk east along the High Street I come to the BLUE ANCHOR (Watney). This time there is only Webster's on offer, so I content myself with this and sit down in a much more basic bar compared to that which I've just left. A collection of Dart trophies are displayed above the counter, and an East London's dartboard sits on the wall.

The final call in the High Street is to the PEARLY KING (Free). This is the first free house on my crawl, and beers available are Greene King Abbot Ale, Young's Special, Bow Bitter and Seven Bells Bitter. This was once the Seven Stars, immortalised on bus blinds in the 'BOW, Seven Stars' display. No longer though, and in spite of the use of gas lamps, the whole place is just a bit too 'touristy' for me. I drink the Bow Bitter, which the ELC informs me is brewed behind the Market Porter in Southwark.

From here I turn right, leaving the High Street and forging south along St. Leonard Street which parallels that fume-ridden abortion known as the Blackwall Tunnel Northern Approach. About half way down I find the PRIORY TAVERN (Truman). Built on the site of a priory, and even I consider abstenence when once

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REAL BEER IN LONDON UPDATE 39

The Updates include confirmed information on additions, deletions and changes to real ale pubs in Greater London. The information is not only of general interest but also enables CAMRA in London to monitor progress by the brewers in installing real ale. The number in brackets after each entry refers to the page number in 'Real Beer in London'; the Supplement (S prefix), the London Drinker Update number (U prefix), the East London & City Beer Guide, 2nd edition (E prefix), the North London Beer Guide 2nd edition (N prefix), Real Ale in South East London (SE prefix), Real Beer in South South West London (SW prefix), or Essex Beer Guide, 7th edition (X prefix).

If you know of any outlet for real ale not listed in CAMRA's guides or updates, or outlets where changes have taken place, or if you would like to help with surveying the sector guides under preparation, please write to:— RBIL Update, 2 Sandtoft Road, London SE7 7LR.

ADDITIONS

EAST

E2 BROWNS, 1 Hackney Road, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter, (E71).

E11 RED LION, 640 High Road. Ind Coope: Burton Ale, Tetley: Bitter. Reverted to original name and Taylor Walker livery after spell as LUTHERS. (E124).

HAROLD HILL, MORRIS DANCER, Melsham Close, Ruddle: Best Bitter or County, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (X56).

NORTH

NI6 THREE CROWNS, 175 Stoke Newington High St. Flowers: Original Bitter, Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. (N95).

NORTH WEST

NW8 NEW INN, 2 Allitsen Road. Courage Best Bitter. Directors Bitter. Re-opened after 2 years closure. Note correct address. (N159).

NW11 PRINCE ALBERT, Golders Green Rd. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. Reverted to original name and character after a spell as **SULLIVANS** (N165).

HARROW WEALD, HARE, Brookshill. Benskin: Bitter, Ind Coope: Burton Ale.

SOUTH WEST

SW19 KING LEOPOLD ARMS. 12 Leopold Road, Wethered: Bitter. A new free house in former bistro premises.

SURBITON, RED LION, 366 Ewell Road. Tolworth. Courage. Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. Reverted to original name after spell as SULLIVANS. (SW 75).

WEST

W3 WHITE HART, 264 High Street. Ruddle: County, Truman: Best Bitter, Webster: Yorkshire Bitter.

W6 LE PUB, Novotel London Hotel, Hammersmith International Centre, 1 Shortlands, Younger: 1PA, A *free house* hotel bar open to the general public during normal evening hours.

W6 PRINCE OF WALES, 73 Dallling Road. Courage: Best Bitter, Directors Bitter.

W6 RED COW, 157 Hammersmith Road. Fuller: London Pride, ESB. (F). Built in 1981 to replace original Fullers pub on same site demolished for office development. It has finally reopened in cafe-bar style. The cask beers are issued from continental style' fonts driven by an electric pump.

EASTCOTE, MANOR HOUSE, 144 Field End Road. Ruddle: County (re-instatement).

RUISLIP, GEORGE, 2 High Street. Courage Best Bitter, Directors Bitter. Reverted to original name after a spell as SULLIVANS. Now operated by THF as Harvester restaurant but with separate drinking area. (re-instatement).

DELETIONSCENTRAL

ECI BULLS HEAD. Charrington II unused. (U27, E14).

ECI HARROW, Watney, H unused, (\$10,E18).

EC1 LANGTON ARMS. Charrington. H unused. (37,E19). EC2 HAND PUMP. Whitbread, closed for redevelopment. (39, E27).

EC2 PRIMROSE. Truman, demolished. (39,E29). EC4 TIPPERARY, Greene King, closed. (43,E47).

EAST

E3 PEARLY KING, Free House, H removed. (S15, E84). E4 CROOKED BILLET. Taylor Walker, closed for demolition (47, E87).

E14 ROYAL NAVY, Watney, 11 removed. (S64, E143).

NORTH

NI ROTHERFIELD ARMS. Courage, closed. (U5, N41). NI SUTTON ARMS, Courage, 11 removed. (U3, omitted in error from N guide).

N7 HORSE & GROOM Courage, demolished. (fizz only) (N 69).

NORTH WEST

NWI BOSTON ARMS. Watney, closed. (U 13, N115). NWI CHESTER ARMS. Free House, 11 removed. (U32 N116).

NWI CROWN & ANCHOR (DRUMMONDS), 137 Drummond St. Charrington, demolished, (fizz only). NW2 WINDMILL. Taylor Walker, 11 unused, (72, N131). NW9 PLOUGH Taylor Walker, 11 unused, (75, N161).

SOUTH WEST

SW4 ACRE TAVERN, Watney, H removed. (U21, SW24). SW4 CLOCK HOUSE. Courage, H unused. (108, SW24).

SW4 FALCON, Charrington, II unused. (U8, SW24).

SW4 JOLLY GARDENERS, Chairington, 11 unused. (108, SW24).

SW4 LARKHALL TAVERN, Charrington, 11 unused. (S47, SW24).

SW4 PERSERVERANCE, Charrington 11 unused. (S47, SW24).

SW8 BUTCHERS ARMS, Watney, H removed (U.1, SW33). SW8 DUCHESS OF YORK, Watney, H removed. (S48, SW33).

SW8 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, Chartington, 11 unused. (U12, S W 33).

SW8 QUEENS ARMS, Watney, H removed. (U14, SW34). SW9 BEEHIVE. Whitbread, H unused. (U25, SW36).

SW9 GROSVENOR ARMS, Now just GROSVENOR II unused. (110, SW 36).

SW9 NORMANDY, Truman, H unused. (U25, SW 36).

SWII BRITISH FLAG, Watney, II removed. (U 23, SW39). SWII EARL SPENCER, Watney, II removed. (U17, SW39). SWII STAG, Watney, II removed. (U24, SW 41).

SW16 PARK TAVERN Watney, H. removed. (113, SW 48).

WEST

W3 MECHANICS ARMS Courage, 11 removed. (U28).

HARLINGTON, TOWN & COUNTRY BAR, SKYWAY HOTEL. Free House. H removed (U32).

NORTHOLT, HARVESTER Courage/IthHF, H unused. Formerly LOAD OF HAY (133, U28).

RUISLIP, PLOUGH. Watney/Berni, 11 removed. (S64).

SOUTHALL, PLOUGH, 89 North Road, Watney, II removed, (\$60).

SOUTHALL, RAILWAY TAVERN. Charrington, II unused. (135).

WEST DRAYTON, ANGLERS RETREAT. Courage, 11 removed. (U30).

CHANGES

CENTRAL

WI AUDLEY,+ 'Mayfair Special' (OG 1044-50) believed brewed by Truman to old 'Stag' recipe, information welcome. (S6).

WI BLITZ, Renamed CASK & GLASS + Ruddle: County (U33).

WI GROSVENOR ARMS, + Mayfair Special', (S6).

ECLANGEL. + Tetley: Bitter. (E11).

ECI COACH & HORSES 4 St Johns Square. – Wethered: Samual Whitbread Ale. – Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale, + Whitbread: Strongs Country Bitter. (E15).

EC1 FOX & ANCHOR. + Friary Meux: Best Bitter. (E17).

ECI HAND & SHEARS. Closed at weekends. (E17).

ECI HAT & FEATHERS. + Adnams Bitter. (F.18).

ECI OLD FOUNTAIN. – Fremlins: Bitter. + Flowers. IPA. (F20).

ECI ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM. – Ind Coope: Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. (E21).

ECI SEKFORDE ARMS, – beers listed in guides. + Young: Bitter, Special. Another well established free house goes, this one acquired by Youngs. (38, E21).

ECI SIR CHRISTOPHER HATTON. + Young: Bitter. (E22). ECI SURPRISE. - Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. + Federation: Best Bitter (OG 1036) Special Ale (OG 1041). Only the second known outlet in London for Fed's real ales. (E22). ECI THREE KINGS. - Greene Kings IPA. + Ruddle:

County. (E23). EC1 TWO BREWERS, + Wethered: Bitter. (E23).

ECI VICTORIA, +Friary Meux: Best Bitter. + Tetley: Bitter. (E23).

EC2 BARLEY MOW, — Watney: Stag Bitter + Ruddle: Best Bitter, (E25).

EC4 WHITE SWAN, 23 Tudor Street. Now named WHITE SWAN TAVERN – All Truman beers, + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (E.48).

FAST

E3 BEEHIVE, — Charrington: IPA. + Brakspear: Bitter. + Flowers: Original Bitter. + Greene King. Abbot Ale. + Pitfield: Dark Star. (U3, E81).

E3 BOMBAY GRAB, — Ind Coope: Burton Ale. + Flowers: Original Bitter. + Greene King: IPA + Shepherd Neame: Bitter. Former Taylor Walker pub, now a free house. (U17. F81).

E4 PRINCE OF WALES, + McMullen: Country Bitter. (48, 1580)

E17 RACERS, Reverted to previous name DOG & DUCK. (\$19, E164).

WOODFORD GREEN, CRICKETERS + McMullens: AK Mild (X106).

NORTH

NI DUKE OF YORK, 24 Wenlock Street. — Taylor Walker: Bitter, + McMullen: Country Bitter. Now a Free House, ex Taylor Walker. (S9, omitted in error from N guide). NI EAGLE TAYERN, + Bass. (N31).

NORTH WEST

NWI VOLUNTEER, Renamed DRUMMONDS, (72, N128).

SOUTH EAST

SEIB QUEEN VICTORIA, Renamed ARNOLDS, - beers

except McDonnell: Country. No longer a brew pub. Beer brewed at McDonnells, SE7. (89, SE146).

SE24 PRINCE REGENT, - Truman: Sampson Ale + Ruddle: County + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (S39, SE164).

SOUTH WEST

SWI DUCHESS OF CLARENCE, + Tetley: Bitter. (SW15). SWI PRINCE OF WALES, 44 Elizabeth St. Now PRINCE OF WALES TAVERN, + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (SW11). SW2 DUKE OF CORNWALL, - Watney: Stag: Bitter. (SW19).

SW2 TELEGRAPH, — Watney: Combes Bitter. + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter (SW19).

SW2 WAGGON & HORSES, - Watney: Combes Bitter. +

Ruddle; County. (SW19).
SW3 CROWN & SCEPTRE, + 'Chelsea; Best Bitter'. (OG 1044-50). Believed to be brewed by Truman to old 'Stag' recipe, information welcome. (SW22).

SW3 SHUCKBURGH ARMS, + Chelsea: Best Bitter (SW23). SW4 BOWYERS ARMS, - Ind Coope; Burton Ale. (SW24). SW4 MANOR ARMS, - Wethered: Bitter. + Greene King: Abbot Ale. (SW24).

SW4 PRINCE OF WALES, + Wethered: Samuel Whitbread Ale. - Whitbread: Castle Eden Ale. (SW25).

SW4 TIM BOBBIN, Watney: Stag Bitter. 1 Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW25).

SW6 LEOS, Reverted to original name RED LION. (SW29). SW9 BEDFORD ARMS, — Brakspear: Bitter. + Wethered: Bitter. (SW36).

SW9 LANDOR HOTEL, Now just the **LANDOR,** – Truman: Bitter. + Ruddle: County. + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (SW36).

SW9 PLOUGH, – Truman: Best Bitter, Sampson Ale. + Ruddle: Best Bitter, County. (SW36).

SW11 ALE HOUSE, – Flower: Original Bitter. + Greene King: Abbot Ale. (SW39).

SW11 CHELSEA REACH, - Truman: Bitter, Sampson Ale. + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (SW39).

SW11 CROWN, + Webster: Yorkshire Bitter. (SW39).

SWI1 EAGLE, 231 Battersea Park Rd. Now named EAGLE TAVERN, + Ruddle: County. (SW39).

SWII GROVE TAVERN, Now just the GROVE. (SW40). SWII PRINCE ALBERT, — Watney: Combes Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW41).

SWII RISING SUN, + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SW41).
SWII UNION ARMS, - Ruddle: County. - Watney: Combes
Bitter. + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW41).

SWII UNITY, Now named UNITY TAVERN. (SW41).

SWII VICTORIA, – Wethered: Bitter, + Flower: Original Bitter. (SW39).

SW16 BEDFORD PARK, — Watney: Combes Bitter, Stag Bitter, (SW48).

SW16 GENEVIEVE, – Wethered: Bitter. – Younger: IPA. + Flower: Original Bitter. (SW48).

SW16 RAILWAY HOTEL, + Bass. (SW48).

SW16 WHITE LION, – Watney: Combes Bitter, + Ruddle: Best Bitter. (SW49).

SW17 WHITE LION, + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SW50).

MITCHAM, BURN BULLOCK, + Tetley: Bitter. Recently refurbished with 'A la carte' restaurant Monday-Friday lunch and traditional Sunday lunch. (SW68).

MITCHAM, CROWN, + John Smith: Yorkshire Bitter. (SW68).

MITCHAM, QUEENS HEAD, + Bass. (SW68).

MITCHAM, SURREY ARMS, + Bass. (SW69).

MITCHAM, SWAN INN, + Tetley: Bitter. (SW69).

WEST

HILLINGDON, VINE, Taylor Walker: Bitter. + Ind Coope: Burton Ale. + Tetley: Bitter. + Young: Bitter. (133).

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CORRECTION TO UPDATE 38 ADDITIONS

SW18 LORD PALMERTON, Address is 141 Merton Road.

FURTHER INFORMATION: WATNEY/TRUMAN

A total of 112 tenented pubs from the Watney Combe Reid and Truman tied estates have been sold to Brent Walker, a leisure and entertainment company based in East London. These pubs are part of a package of 386 acquired by Brent Walker from Grand Metropolitan in the South East and East Anglia. Only 87 of the pubs are within Greater London, of which 64 are from Watney and 23 from Truman. This represents about 5% of Grand Met's London pubs. 24 of the pubs dispense reale ale and a further 17 have sold real ale at some time in the recent past. They are predominantly located in the E, N and SE postal districts where there are concentrations of Watney and Truman pubs.

"Whats Brewing" quotes Ron Hart, managing director of BW's new Inns division, as saying: "Our aim is very much to develop our pubs division, so we don't anticipate a vast number of sales. Some of the pubs are vacant and obviously would be first for such consideration."

Those that remain should remain true pubs, according to Mr Hart: "We very much want to see them develop on a traditional basis, but catering will be developed where possible."

BW are thought to be near concluding a deal on the beers to be sold. They are understood to be negotiating with Courage and Whitbread for one huge dual-tie agreement, though local independents like Adnams and Greene King may be approached at a later date.

Now would seem to be a good time to lobby for an expansion of real ale in BW's London pubs and an increase of choice in areas of relative deprevation. 'Update' would welcome any news of changes to pubs, beer ranges etc.

Pubs sold to BW in Greater London are as follows:-

EAST

E1 ROSE & PUNCHBOWL, 7 Redmans Rd. Watney † (E66).

E2 BLACK HORSE, 67 Roman Rd. Truman (E70).

E2 BRITANNIA, 12 Chilton St. Truman + (E71).

E2 CROWN, 144 Whiston Rd. Watney (E71).

E2 DOVER CASTLE, 118 Old Bethnall Green Rd. Truman (E71).

E2 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, 25 Cambridge Cres. Watney * Note revised address (E72).

E2 GEORGE & DRAGON, 2 Hackney Rd. Watney † (E72).

E2 GLOBE, 109 Columbia Rd. Watney (E72).

E2 JOINERS ARMS, 118 Hackney Rd. Watney (E73).

E2 KING & QUEEN, 89 Cheshire St. Truman * (E73).

QUEEEN VICTORIA, 72 Barnet Grove. Watney (E74). E2 ROYAL ALFRED, 267 Kingsland Rd. Watney * (E77).

E2 ROYAL OAK, 73 Columbia Rd. Truman (E77).

E3 ALBERT, 74 St. Stephens Rd. Watney * formerly PRINCE ALBERT. (E79).

E3 ALBION, 25 St. Pauls Way, Watney (E79),

E3 BRIDGE HOUSE, 14 Bow Common Lane. Watney (E81).

E3 BROMLEY ARMS, 51 Fairfield Rd. Watney † (E81). E3 CALEDONIAN ARMS, 62 Fairfield Rd. Watney (E81).

E3 ELEANOR ARMS, 460 Old Ford Rd. Watney (E82).

E3 OLD DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, 158 Devons Rd. Watney (E83).

E3 RISING SUN, 14 Gillender St. Watney * (E86).

E3 ROSE OF DENMARK, 612 Roman Rd. Watney * (E86).

E3 WHITETHORN, 30 Whitethorn St. Truman † (E86).

E5 HOPE & ANCHOR, 30 Rossington St. Watney (E94). E5 SHAMPS, 181 Clarence Rd. Watney, formerly PENNY FARTHING, originally CRICKETERS. (E96).

E8 BLACK BULL, 217 Haggerston Rd. Truman (E105).

E8 BREWERY TAP, 525 Kingsland Rd. Watney (E105). E8 DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH, 212 Richmond Rd. Watney

E8 DUKE OF MARLBOROUGH, 212 Richmond Rd. Watney † (E107). E8 FLORFIELD ARMS, 40 Florfield Rd. Truman * (E108).

E8 LEE ARMS, 27 Marlborough Ave. Watney † (£108). E8 MARKET HOUSE, 30 Broadway Market. Watney (£109). E8 RICHMONDS, 438 Kingsland Rd. Watney formerly

SWAN. (E111).

ROYAL OAK, 83 Wilton Way. Watney * (E111).

E8 YOUNG PRINCE, 216 Haggerston Rd. Watney † (E111). E9 DAGMAR ARMS, 47 Danesdale Rd. Watney, previously spent a short spell as ZANZIBAR (E116).

E9 PLOUGH, 23 Homerton High St. Truman † Note correct address (E115).

E9 STAG, 37 Brooksby Walk, Truman † (E115).

E12 STAR, 30 Snowshill Rd. Watney * (E127).

E13 LORD STANLEY, 15 St. Marys Rd. Watney * (F130). E14 PRINCESS OF WALES, 130 Brownfield St. Watney

(E142). E14 ROYAL NAVY, 53 Salmon Lane, Watney † (E143).

E14 SABBARTON ARMS, 99 Upper North St. Watney. (F143).

E14 ST LEONARDS ARMS, 162 St. Leonards Rd. Truman (closed) (E143).

E14 SIR CHARLES NAPIER, 697 Commercial Rd. Watney (E143).

E16 ROYAL OAK, 83 Woodman St. Truman (E155).

E16 SHAKESPEARES HEAD, 29 Ruscoe Rd. Watney * (E155).

RAINHAM, VESTERDAYS, 31 Broadway, Watney * tormerly ANGEL (X80). NORTH

NI BACCHUS, 177 Hoxton St. Watney (N45).

NI GREEN MAN, 53 Mildmay St. Watney (N45).

Nt MACBIETH, 70 Hoxton St. Truman | Jornerly WHITE HART, (N45).

NI MARQUIS OF SALISBURY, 54 Balls Pond Rd. Truman

NI MARQUIS OF SALISBURY, 64 Freeling St. Watney 2

NI OXFORD ARMS, 21 Halliford St. Truman (N-16).

NI TALBOT, 109 Mortimer Rd. Watney 1 (N46).

N7 CTTY OF ROME, 114 Roman Way. Watney 1 (No.1).

N16 ATLAS, 25 Winston Rd. Truman (N94)

N16 HORSE & GROOM, 105 Stoke Newington Church St. Watney (N94).

SOUTH EAST

SET GRANGE, 103 Grange Rd. Truman + (SI-18).

SEI PRINCE OF WALES, 23 Lant St. Watney (SE28).

SE5 ANCHOR & HOPE, 83 New Church Rd. Watney (SI-48). SE8 OSBORNE ARMS, 14 New King St. Watney. Note correct spelling (SE65).

SE8 REMYS, 74 McMillan St. Watney, formerly UNITED FRIENDS (SE65).

SES WINDSOR CASTLE, 161 Deptford High St. Truman (SE66).

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f Pubs which have sold real ale in the recent past.

^{*} Pubs listed in Guidex and Updates as dispensing real ale.

W & D Breweries

Wolverhampton & Dudley breweries continues to stand conventional brewing industry wisdom on its head. While all around are focusing on the inexorable growth of lager, the Banks's and Hanson's beers group is content to see lager's growing popularity as a useful adjunct to its core mild and bitter brands.

Bucking the trend, ales chalked up a further volume gain last year. And, while lager showed a faster rate of growth, sales of Harp and Stella Artois still account for under 20 per cent of group beer sales — less than half the national average.

W & D managing director David Thompson sees lager as providing incremental rather than

substitute volume and is in no rush to install inhouse lager brewing capacity while the group can acquire Harp on satisfactory terms. 'Well supported, well marketed ales are very profitable, a fact that is not widely appreciated,' he declared yesterday as the group rolled out an 18.3 per cent lift in profit for the year to September 27. The dividend goes up 20 per cent to 5.85p a share.

With volumes up and costs under tight control pre-tax profit for the period rose from £18.88 million to £22.34 million on turnover 9 per cent higher at £123.25 million. Property sales chipped in £519,000 compared with £178,000 last time.

from the Guardian

WHERE?

"Join us at BREWERS TABLE for the best value-for-money menu around in our superb pub restaurant, right on the river."

So invites an ad in a recent Wimbledon News for the Swan Tavern at Ridgeway, SW19. No prizes for guessing the name of the parent group — but where on earth is the RIVER? Could it be the Wandle (about a mile away), the Beverly Brook (same distance) or the Thames (2 or more)? Or maybe Grand Whatsit have discovered a lost underground river? Come to think of it, that would need to be rather deep — rivers tend not to run near the tops of hills.

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CHARITY CORNER

For the fifth year running the WINDMILL WHEELERS, based at the WINDMILL in Hampton Hill increased the amount raised for the local Richmond Branch of MENCAP, the Royal Society for Mentally Handicapped Children and Adults. The 1987 bicycle ride was held on Sunday 27th September when 37 intrepid souls (the majority of them not regular or short distance — i.e. down-the-pub - cyclists) all successfully negotiated the route to the South Coast.

The total sponsorship raised by the riders was £2,582.38 and a cheque for this amount was handed over at a convivial evening held in the pub on Wednesday 13th April. It was received on behalf of MENCAP by the comedy actor Roy Kinnear, making his second appearance at the pub for this purpose, from ride organiser Andy Pirson. The landlord of the Windmill also handed over a cheque for £1,562.25 which represented money raised in the pub by the regulars by friendly darts tournaments; a charity walk by one of the barmaids and the large collecting boxes on the bar which contained no less than £775 of the above total.



Roy Kinnear with Windmill Wheelers organiser Andy Pirson and regular cyclist Judy Mogford.

A raffle was held in the pub on the night, all of the prizes being donated by the families of landlord Brian and his wife Annie or staff at the pub. This raised no less than £110 making the total donated to Richmond MENCAP almost £4.300.

The money raised will be split three ways. Some will provide new equipment for Strathmore School; some will go towards the purchase of a badly needed new minibus for the Avenue Centre and the remainder will be used to help fund a small new community home which MENCAP hope to open towards the end of the year.

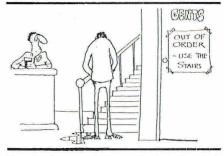
THREATENED PUB RAISES BIG MONEY FOR SCHOOL

- Regulars at the White Hart pub in Wimbledon, which could literally dry up if the second stage of the Merton Relief Road goes ahead, are carrying on regardless and have raised £1,000 for a local school.
- The pub in Kingston Road would be bang in the middle of a planned junction linked to the proposed new road.
- If the scheme goes ahead regulars could be left with no pub at all.
- Despite the question mark hanging over the future of their local its punters threw themselves into the recent charity week.
- Welly-boot throwing, a yard of ale competition, tugʻoʻwar, bar billiards and a quiz night were just some of the events included in the action-packed week organised by landlords Maurice and Barbara Flynn.
- The £1,000 raised will go to the local Cambridge House School, a special school, in Pepys Road.
- "We were aiming at making £500, but we were over the moon," they said.

From Wimbledon Guardian

The HOPE, W.Norwood.

One of Young's longest-held pubs is planning a sponsored ride in aid of Imperial Cancer Research. The Hope, in West Norwood High Street, was first leased by Young & Bainbridge in 1850, and was eventually bought by Young & Co towards the end of the last century. Regulars will ride a collection of cycles including Editor Martin's 1937 New Hudson tandem from Brighton to London on July 9th. Martin is involved in the planning and will be riding as marshal and mechanic - his services in these capacities are on offer to any pub wishing to run similar events, along with the tandem and other cycles. Do let us know of your pub's charity events - both before and after they take place.



Our thanks go to Brian and Annie for their hospitality at the Windmill, both on the night and throughout the year.

Andy Pirson

CHARITY CORNER

A 12 hour marathon darts match' played at the King's Head, West Norwood on 9th April raised an astonishing £2,506 Christopher's Hospice in Sydenham. Sponsored by regulars, 12 members of the home darts team and that of a nearby pub, the Bricklayer's Arms, played non-stop from noon to midnight, sustained by food supplied throughout that period by popular licensee Jim Holland, who organised the event and provided two bottles of champagne to celebrate its conclusion. Four 180s and 450 hundred-plus scores were achieved in the process. Doubtless the players had laid off the pub's superb Bass for which it is featured in the current Good Beer Guide. Jim, who has been in the trade for 40 years and at the King's Head for a quarter century, and had aimed for £1,400, presented the cheque on 5th May in memory of a regular, Len 'Big L' Ridley, who died in February at the Hospice after a mercifully short terminal illness.

As a testimony to Len's popularity, over 100 mourners attended his funeral, and for some there was standing room only in the chapel. A racing greyhound had been doubled with his nickname 'Big L',

IDLE MOMENTS

And still they come in! We'll kick off this month with another offering from Mike Gigg and Chris Leftley. It seems that Slough is quite a popular subject for limericks. (Well, I suppose it had to have something interesting to say about it.) This one is a bit different in that while it follows the limerick metre all five lines (don't) rhyme; we're not sure if this should disqualify it but here goes anyway:

A football team coming from Slough Had gallantly fought their way through To play Middlesborough. But they lost the match though, 'Cos their tactics weren't thorough enough.

The other two we have for you this month both relate to the plant kingdom. The first is from **Ginny Richardson** who gave us last month's three verse marvel:

If you want a profusion of tone There's none better than the anemone, For the colours can range From blue to orange, But they fade and are very soon gone.

And finally another one from **John Eastwood** and friends at the Windmill, Hampton Hill:

SOUTH WEST LONDON AWARD

In April, various members of the South-West London branch visited the Beacon Hotel at Sedgeley in the West Midlands to present the owner, John Hughes, with a commemorative plaque. Readers who drank at the recent Wimbledon Beer Festival and used the voting slip at the back of the programme will not be surprised to learn that John's Dark Ruby Mild was a runaway winner in the best guest beer section.

As it turned out, ours was the first award that John had received for his beer and, after a conducted tour of the old tower brewery, we retired to the pub to sample the 1058 brew which was in superb condition. The pub alone is worth a visit, having various small rooms with real fires soon to make an appearance. The nearest station is Coseley on the Birmingham-Wolverhampton line. There are also regular buses from both cities.



The photo shows various assorted members, with the owner, John Hughes (Second from left).

"A curious plant is the aubergine,"
I was told by an old aborigine.
"It increases one's height
In proportion to weight,
And does powerful things to one's engine."

Now for the bad news. I've got no more in stock so unless you get your pencil sharpened and send me in some more these could be the last for a little while.

Andy Pirson

Bromley binge - continued

again faced with just Webster's. What ever happened to good old Truman's 'green' bitter?, another casualty of Grand Met? I now need to cross the Tunnel Approach, so make my way down to Bromley-by-Bow underground station, passing on my right the keg only Imperial Crown. Incidentally, the station had the 'By-Bow' part of its name added only in 1967, no doubt ending the spectacle of seeing well-heeled passengers emerging, expecting to find a leafy Kent suburb around them.

Using the subway to reach the other side of the road, I cross over the District and LTSE lines, nothing of interest runs on either side now. This is one of the longest sections so far without a pub, so its a relief to reach the QUEEN VICTORIA (Courage). No, I don't ask where Angie or Dirty Den are, as I'm quite sure they've heard all those remarks before and whats more that programme gets quite enough free publicity as it is.

Courage Best is one of my favourites amongst the products of the big brewers, and is a welcome change from those of Grand Met and Bass.

On from here I enter what appears to be a miniature beer desert. A call at the Rising Sun, a Watney's pub a short way on from the Queen Vic. reveals both the Websters and the Ruddles 'off', though new supplies were promised. Maybe if they stocked products brewed in London they wouldn't have such problems, rather than by trucking the stuff halfway across the country on the motorways.

I battle on through the wind and the rain, stopping every now and then to consult the ELC under a street light hoping to find myself near a cosy backstreet hostelry selling Real Ale. In vain though, and I finally reach the East India Dock Road, still unrefreshed.

The Sir John Franklin looks a good bet, but no cask bitter, so I cut down Follett Street to the George IV another Watney pub — and another disappointment... In desperation I frantically thumb the pages of the guide, there must be somewhere nearby where the beer isn't off — or keg. At last, I find one which looks hopeful. Icross the East India Dock Road and turn right just before the Blackwall Tunnel into the quaintlynamed Robin Hood Lane. Here I find the BRITISH OAK (Free).

Finally I am able to buy cask bitter and with a choice of Batemans XB, King & Barnes Sussex Bitter and Pitfield Dark Star. I plump for the latter, perhaps understandably after my hike from the Queen Vic. I nearly start a riot whilst trying to make notes of what's on the handpumps, by getting in the way of somebodys darts match. So plan B comes into operation and I sup up and leave.

I have a vague idea of working my way back to the Stepney area, picking out the real ale houses from the keg ones like wheat from the chaff. Not difficult, given the preponderance of the latter in East London.

A short walk south from the British Oak brings me to another forgotten highway, this time Poplar High Street, (perhaps I should have entitled this crawl 'forgotten High Streets of Greater London').

Walking westward, I divert to the right upon reaching Bazely Street, and trek towards the GREENWICH PENSIONER (Taylor Walker). This pub only sells real ale in winter, so I am fortunate it's the right time of year.

My notes get sketchy at about this point, but I remember some acceptable 'Sixties' tunes on the juke box as I sipped my Burton. Staggering out I regain the High Street and march west, passing the keg Resolute Tavern on my left, before falling into CARTYS (Free) on the corner of Dolphin Lane. Not the sort of name which would normally induce me to enter, but it does serve some agreeable Young's Special. At least I think it's agreeable, since both memories and notes become sparse at this point.

With the time creeping on, I walk to the end of the High Street and turn right into Saltwell Street. On the corner of the East India Dock Road is the PHOENIX (Taylor Walker). Once more a choice of beers but I leave the Burton alone and have the Taylor Walker instead. The ELC refers to a Stuffed Turtle in the bar but I didn't see one, or else mistook it for one of the customers or something.

For some strange reason I decide to finish the evenings in HOLLANDS (Free), so jump on an approaching 15 (my second Routemaster journey of the evening) and ride westward down the Commercial Road, past Stepney East Station — soon to be another on the Docklands system — past the London Opera Centre, a former cinema, before alighting at the wrong stop! (It's clearly near the end of the crawl!).

A fast march west brings me opposite to Exmouth Street and I cross the road and go down it finding Hollands on the left. A treasure house of Victoriana, but I'm not in the best condition to appreciate it. I drink a half of something I can't remember before reeling out, for once waiting only a short time for a bus to take me home...

EASTENDER

Person ale

THE following was seen in a pub recently, scrawled on the wall: MANN's (Sex Discrimination Act)—Persons; BROWN (Race discrimination Act)—Ethnic; ALE (Trades Description Act)—Carbonated Liquid. Now there's a drink. Bottle of Person's Ethnic Liquid.

SAINT GEORGE IN IDENTITY CRISIS

Did you see big banners in your local Fullers pub recently advertising their special promotion for Saint George's day? When I went into my local a few days before the 23rd April I was confronted by a large red, white and blue banner bearing the Union Flag and a bold legend that Fuller's K2 BRITISH lager would be on sale at the special price of 50 pence a pint.

While I am not one of those who would be pleased to see Great Britain broken down into its constituent kingdoms and principality, I do, however feel that there are moves afoot to suppress the English identity in favour of that of Britain while no Scot, Ulsterman or Welshman worth his salt would be considered a true patriot unless he put his local identity first.

Just in case anybody is not aware of the situation, let's make it clear beyond any doubt. Saint George is the Patron Saint of ENGLAND and his flag IS WHITE WITH AN UPRIGHT RED CROSS STRETCHING OUT TO THE EDGES.

While we're at it how about having some of Fuller's excellent traditional English beers at special prices on Saint George's Day next year?

As an aside, I did a pub crawl of Teddington on the day in question and the ABERCORN ARMS, in Church Road was selling both Young's bitters at 20 pence a pint off — well done!

Andy Pirson

PS

I wrote to Mr. Charles Williams, the Marketing Director of Fullers on the above subject and as we go to press I have just received an encouraging reply. In this letter Mr. Turner writes, "I can quite understand your comments and regret that we have upset your strong sense of patriotism. Whilst we cannot put right what has happened, I shall certainly give your points consideration if we were to celebrate St. George's day next year."

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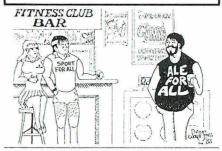
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RIDICULOUS RENAMING

On the corner of Richmond Bridge there stands a pub. Once upon a time it sold Watneys beers and was called the King's Head but about a dozen years ago it became a free house called Christie's Tavern, later shortened to just Christie's. More recently it has been tied to Eldridge Pope of Dorchester though it has tended to operate as a free house selling a range of beers with a Dorset bias.

Just recently it has been renamed again only this time it is called **JOE BEAU LAIS**. Obviously somebody thinks this is humorous. Can anybody come up with a less sensible new name for a pub (one that has actually been used, that is)?

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CORRECTIONS TO NORTH LONDON BEER GUIDE (2nd Edition) & SUPPLEMENT

A Supplement was published in March 1988, containing a consolidated list of new real ale outlets, major changes and deletions to the North London Beer Guide since its publication in March 1987. These details have either already been included in previous updates, or for completeness are included in the main listings above. The following pubs however, included in the Supplement as new outlets, are understood to no longer sell real ale, and therefore have not been included as 'additions' in the Updates:—

NI PRINCE ALFRED, Whitbread, H removed. (deleted in U38) (N46).

NI8 PHOENIX, Whitbread, H unused (N100).

ENFIELD, IZAAK WALTON, Whitbread, H unused (N190). ENFIELD, WHEATSHEAF, Charrington, H unused (N190).

NON REAL ALE PUBS

A number of pubs were inadvertantly omitted from the guide and are listed in the Supplement, for the record the following pubs now operated as cafe-bars, were also omitted:—

NI DOME, 342 Upper St. Courage, cafe-bar, formerly SHAKESPEARE.

NWI DRUMMONDS, 73 Euston Rd. Charrington, cafe-bar, formerly EUSTON TAVERN.

NW3 DOME, 38 High St. Courage, cafe-bar, formerly BIRD-IN-HAND.

The following 'omitted' pub listed in the supplement does in fact sell real ale:-

NI DUKE OF YORK, 24 Wenlock St. Free House (see changes above).

The following pub also no longer sells real ale:-

NWI PRINCE ALFRED, Taylor Walker Bass. II unused (deleted in U30) (N125).

OTHER CORRECTIONS

Additional corrections of note are as follows:-

N2 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE, Omit 'ESTATE PUB' from title. (N48).

N2 GEORGES, Omit 'ESTATE PUB' from title. (N48).

N5 WHITE HORSE, Should read WHITE HOUSE. (N57).

N7 RAILWAY TAVERN, Now RAILWAY. (N68). N7 CALEDONIAN, Should read CALEDONIAN ARMS, 419

Caledonian Rd; it is a Free House. (N69). N11 SPRINGFIELD TAVERN, Should read SPRINGFIELD PARK TAVERN, (N80).

NI4 WOODMAN, Should be listed under NI3. (N85).

NW6 BRONDSBURY ARMS, Is a Watney pub. (N149).

NW6 COCK HOTEL, Is a Chef & Brewer 'Truman' pub. (N149).

NW6 ROMAN WAY, Is a Free House with a Courage loan tie. (N150).

NW7 EVERGLASES, Should be listed under EDGWARE. (N152).

NW10 RISING SUN, Is a Chef & Brewer 'Truman' pub. (N163).

NWH ROYAL OAK, Address is 1117 Finehley Rd. (N165). ELSTREE, THATCHERS INN, Is in BOREHAMWOOD. (N178).

In addition there are a number of less drastic errors and omissions to addresses and some pubs are not in strict alphabetical order. It is hoped these errors will be corrected in the next edition of the guide.



SE10 BELL, 18 Haddo St. Watney (SE74).

SE10 WHITE SWAN, 13 Blackheath Rd. Watney † (SE86). SE11 FRENCH HORN, 49 Lambeth Walk. Watney † (SE88). SE11 LAMBETH SPORTSMAN, 73 Lambeth Walk. Watney † formerly ANGEL (SE87).

SEH LORD CLYDE, 1A Auckland St. Truman (SE89). SEH COACH & HORSES, 125 Pomeroy St. Watney (SE104).

SE14 RISING SUN, 69 Dennetts Rd. Truman * (SE108). SE14 STAR & GARTER, 490 New Cross Rd. Watney (SE108).

SEI5 GOLDEN LION, 133 Sumner Rd. Truman † (SEI13). SEI5 MARLBOROUGH HEAD, 74 Marmont Rd. Watney (SEI15).

SEI5 SURREY VIEW TAVERN, 135 Commercial Way. Watney (SEI19).

SE16 É G's, 264 Rotherhithe New Rd. Watneys, formerly VICTORY, now renamed TROPICS (SE123).

ERITH, BRITTANIA, 1 South Rd. Truman * (SE126).

SOUTH WEST

SW8 HOPE, 7 Heather Close. Watneys † Note revised address (SW33).

SW8 MASONS ARMS, 169 Battersea Park Rd. Watney (SW34).

SW8 MAWBEY ARMS, 7 Mawbey St. Watney † (SW34). SW18 BRUSH, 86 Point Pleasant. Watney * formerly FORESTERS ARMS (SW51).

WEST

W6 EAGLE ARMS, 84 Glenthorne Rd. Watney * (U23). W10 BEVINGTON ARMS, 7 Blagrove Rd. Watney W11 DOLPHIN, 27 Sirdar Rd. Watney. W11 GOLDEN CROSS, 74 Lancaster Rd, Watney* (S55).

Obituary — Bill Cogswell

The South West London Branch learned with great sorrow the death of Bill Cogswell of 'The Surprise' in Southville, Wandsworth Road, SW8.

Bill had been at The Surprise, a Young's house, for 13 years and had sold the Brewer's products in consistently excellent condition—he only missed a Good Beer Guide entry in one of his years. He was aged 58 and had recently suffered a heart attack which confined his activities to the bar. It was his first pub and it was a pleasure to meet him.

His family are continuing in the pub and on a recent visit, the Young's beers were in their usual excellent condition.

The branch sends sincere condolences to his family and friends.

C.C.

HAMPTON HILL, DUKE OF WELLINGTON, 1 Wellington Rd. Watney.

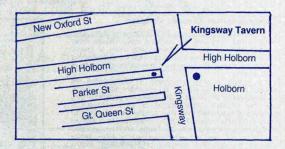
HOUNSLOW, SHIRE HORSE, 82 Whitton Rd. Watney * (US).



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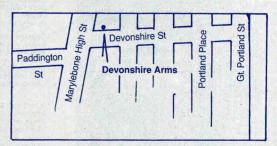
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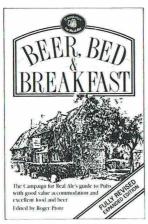
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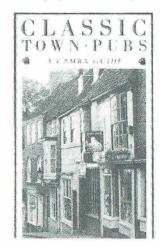
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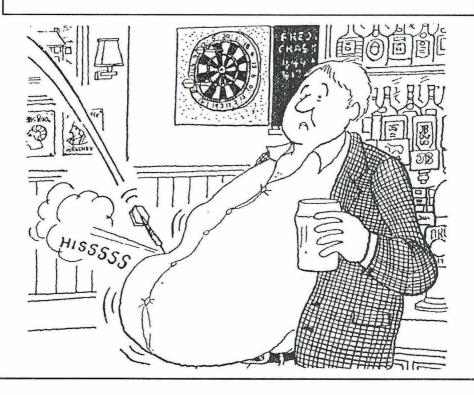
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DEAR DIPSY



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My girlfriend and I recently decided to go abseiling in the House of Lords. We were just beginning to enjoy it when an elderly peer threatened us with a Black Rod. I said 'Ooh, chance would be a fine thing' but it turned out to be a man in fancy dress. Can you tell me where we can get a real thrill from a rod?

Helga, Hampstead

Dear Helga

You could try Young's Ramrod Strong Ale, a thrilling flavour and my girlfriend says its quite a nice shaped bottle! DIPSY

DIPSY (whoever you are):

I have had my eye on your column for some time now and I am telling you that it has got to stop! All you (and the magazine as a whole) seem to do is encourage people to go into pubs and get drunk. What you need is a damn good public flogging to turn you into a decent God fearing citizen. Unless you turn over a new leaf at once, I shall be forced to pass the matter on to a higher authority.

J Anderton, Manchester

Dear John, We have passed your message to higher authority at St Albans. A former Bishop there once frequented the Farrier's Arms and suffered no ill effects. He has since been promoted and now lives in Canterbury. If you have the clout, perhaps you'd find out how to keep beer prices down. DIPSY.

PS Why do you buy our mag? And where in the Good Book are pubs and drink eschewed? As I recall, St Paul stayed at the Three Taverns — and to Courage according to that work.



DEAR DIPSY, I am writing to you as a last resort. All other possibilities have failed me. I might be thought naive, but I have, in my desperate desire to lose weight but not give up drinking, tried every 'light', 'lite, 'low-calorie' or otherwise even vaguely helpful-sounding beer. I even tried the one that has the bits of old films and all the sugar turning to alcohol, but even 17 pints of that doesn't help. What can I do?

PERCE, Ponders End

Dear Readers, I have been getting too many letters like this lately. This is just one sad example. You will recall my December column reported on my research with Dr. Patrick O'Topresiarch into whether lager drinkers become brain-damaged or have to be like that to start with. We have had a number of brave volunteers, some of them prepared in the interests of research to drink a whole pint of lager, thought most of them drew the line at Miller Lite, on the grounds that as there seemed so little difference between it and an empty glass, the empty glass seemed a safer bet. However, the risks of turning decent, honest, upright young men and women into lager-drinkers have been alerted to us by no less a body than the Advertising Standards Authority, who have reminded us that an unfortunate error crept into Heineken adverts and has only now been corrected. In future they will all end:

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DEAR DIPSY, During a recent party at my house, someone poured some lager into my Budgie's empty water bowl. He used to be quite a chatterbox but now he won't say a word. Is there anything I can do to redress the situation?

Duncan D. Sordley, Tooting

Dear Duncan, I'm not surprised he won't talk to you — I wouldn't speak to you either if you gave me a glass of lager. You must try to win back his trust and confidence. See if he will accept a drop of decent real ale for a special tweet. If this fails, you might have to get a replacement from the pet shop, but avoid choosing one from the top of the cage, They're always more expensive on higher perches. DIPSY

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DEAR DIPSY, continued

DEAR DIPSY, I have just had this terrific new idea, but no-one will listen. Suppose we all stopped drinking the garbage that is passed off as drinks in this country and asked for pure products made from natural ingredients and with no nasty additives. Then the brewers, distillers and vintners would all have to make decent products and we would all live happily ever after. My friends all tell me to shut up and have something else to take the taste away. I think they're starting to avoid me. Am I a naive berk?

BURKE, Hare Street

Dear Burke, I'm afraid so, but don't let it spoil your day. At least **you** know. DIPSY.

DEAR DIPSY, I've got you this time. In April 1986 you told me that that Budweiser's talk about being matured over Beechwood was something to do with circling 747s. Well, I've heard that Budweiser is now brewed in Mortlake, so what have you been giving me?

HAWKEYE, Eye



Dear Hawkeye, Nothing but the gospel, my life already. In the U.S. since deregulation Beechwood, Mich. has been the only town with airspace free for the 747s carrying the Budweiser fermenters to circle at 10,000 feet below which the additives allowed in U.S. beers would destabilise and coagulate. The assembly (brewing is not the term) of Budweiser in Mortlake has now come to the attention of the Advertising Standards Authority, and you will now notice that the reference is to 'Beechwood Chips'. You will recall that to the rest of the world calls crisps 'Chips' and Chips 'French Fries' as a result of the U.S. marketing, so the law is satisfied by Watneys leaving a bag of particularly repulsive E. Wholenut Schickelgruber (Salt Lake City) Beechwood — flavoured chips on the floor below the converted cement-mixer. This led to slight problems on the last visit from Richmond Environmental Health Officers, who insist now that the bag must be changed weekly, under food regulations. Rumours that Watneys will contest this on the grounds that Budweiser is only intended for sub-human consumption are malicious and might give their lawyers ideas. DIPSY

LETTER TO THE **EDITORS:**



Dear Editors

Your readers might be interested in this extract from the Company Results section of Investors Chronicle for 29 April — 5 May 1988:

JOSEPH HOLT

Manchester brewer

Results for year to 31.12.87

Turnover: £11.5m (£10.6m) +8% Pre-tax profits: £3.42m (£3.29m) +4% Stated earnings: 74.0p (69.6p) +6% Final dividend: 15p (14p) +7%

Share price: £1111/6 Mkt cap: £35.1m 1987-8 high: £111/4 low: £91/4

PE ratio: 16 Yield: 2.3%

Holt's shares, previously dismissed as "solid but unexciting", have moved up from £8 in January 1987. This reflects scarcity: the board controls half the stock, making the company invulnerable to a hostile bid. Holt's 93 pubs - all within 20 miles of the city centre - have maintained sales volume in difficult times, without concessions to the lager lobby. Earnings have grown steadily through efficient operations and cautious expansion. This has left Holt with plenty of cash. Some £400,000 of the turnover improvement came from the transfer of ten pubs to the managed estate. The rating is high on trading grounds.

Profits of 30% on turnover are somewhat exceptional in view of the cost of 68p/pint. While this suggests extortionate bar prices, by how much greater a margin are Landlords being ripped off?

BILL COBBOLD, Worthing

NORTH LONDON NEWS

- The Belsize Tavern in Hampstead has reopened. having been reconstructed following the tragic fire in March last year.
- Steptoes, the up-market Free House in Stoke Newington, has been sold to Charles Wells. Guest beers are to continue, as apparently are the high prices!
- The Prince Alfred, and Ind Coope pub in Goldington Crescent, N.W.1, no longer appears to sell Real Ale.
- Dave and Sandy Lloyd-Hughes have left the Wrestlers in Highgate after a short but very successful period as managers during which the pub was restored to the Good Beer Guide. We wish them luck in their new pub in North Wales. John Conen

BEER GUIDES

The 1988 GOOD BEER GUIDE is now available from your local Branch, or direct from CAMRA Headquarters, 34 Alma Road, St. Albans, Herts ALI 3BW.

The Good Cider Guide is also available at the same address.

Local Guides SHOULD be available from Branches, but in case of difficulty the suppliers are as follows:

EAST LONDON & CITY: Pete Roberts, 34 Meadow Way, Upminster, Essex — £2.25 plus 38p postage.

ESSEX: Phil Cunnington, 4 Hilltop Close, Rayleigh, Essex SS6 7TD. £2.50 inc. p&p, cheques payable to CAMRA Essex.

KENT: New edition, F. A. Green, 41 Clive Road, Rochester, Kent ME1 3RZ, £1.95 payable to 'CAMRA in Kent', plus A5 s.a.e. with 40p in stamps affixed.

NORTH LONDON: Steve Barnes, 25 Old Kenton Lane, London NW9 9ND. £2.50. Cheques and Postal Orders payable to CAMRA North London.

SOUTH EAST LONDON: Now out of print. New guide available in May 1988.

SOUTH WEST LONDON: Martin Smith, 64 Brailsford Road, London SW2 2TF, £2.50 inc. p&p. Cheques payable to CAMRA South-West London Beer Guide.

SURREY: William Hill, Pendennis, Frimley Road, Ash Vale, Aldershot, Hants £1.95 plus 25p s.a.e. 9×5".

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SURPIRISE, 6 Christchurch Terrace,
RAILWAY, Clapham High Road,
ROSE & CROWN, The Polygon, Clapham Old Town.
WHITTE HORSE, 1 Parson's Green,
ANGLESEA ARMS, 15 Selwood Terrace,
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Road South. ARGYLI, ARMS, 18 Argyll Street. THE GLASSBLOWER, Glasshouse Street. Lowesmoor. RED LION, Kingly Street. ARCHERY TAVERN, 4 Bathurst Street RED LION & PINEAPPLE, 281 High Street. BELL & CROWN, Strand on the Green. WINDMILL, 214 Chiswick High Road. CAMRA — the Campaign for Real Ale is a consumer organization run by beer drinkers for beer drinkers. We believe that

W5 GREYSTOKE, 7 Queens Parade. W5 PLOUGH, Northfield Avenue. W5 RED LION, St Mary's Road. W5 ROSE & CROWN, Church Place, St Mary's Road. W6 BLACK LION, Black Lion Lane. BROOK GREEN HOTEL, 170 Shepherds Bush W6 Road ROTAL RICHMOND ARMS, 54 Shepherds Bush Road, TRUSCOTT ARMS, Shirland Road, NARROW BOAT, 346 Ladbroke Grove, VILLAGE INN, Kensal Road, FROG & FIRKIN, Tavistock Crescent, CPOWN, 6 CCLEPTE Maling, Donal W6 WO W10 W10 WII CROWN & SCEPTRE, Melina Road. DRAYTON COURT HOTEL, 2 The Avenue. W12 W13 W13 THE FORESTER, 2 Leighton Road. BRENTFORD BEEHIVE, 227 High Street. BRENTFORD NELSON, Enfield Road. BRENTFORD POTTERY ARMS, 25 Clayponds Lanc. CRANFORD QUEERS HEAD, 123 High Street. GREENFORD BLACKHORSE, Oldfield Lanc. HAMPTON HILL WINDMILL, 80 Windmill Road. HAMPTON COURT KINGS ARMS, Lion Gate, Hampton Court Road HILLINGDON RED LION, Hillingdon Hill. HILLINGDON STAR, Uxbridge Road. HOUNSLOW CHARIOT, 34 High Street HOUNSLOW CROSS LANCES, Hanworth Road, HOUNSLOW EARL RUSSELL, Hanworth Road, SOUTHALL BEACONSFIELD ARMS, West End Road. SUDBURY BLACK HORSE, Harrow Road. TEDDINGTON QUEEN DOWAGER, North Lane. TWICKENHAM EEL PIF, 9 Church Street TWICKENHAM POPE'S GROTTO, Cross Deep. TWICKENHAM PRINCE ALBERT, 30 Hampton Road. WEALDSTONE ADMIRAL NELSON, 123 Nelson Road. SW19 WILLIAM MORRIS, 267 The Broadway, Wimbledon POLYTECHNIC of Central London S.U.Bar, 104 Bolsover Street. L.T. District Line Social Club, Park Place. OFFTRADE SW11 Majestic Wine Warehouses, Hester Road. SW18 Paines Off Licence, Garratt Lane KENTON Littlemores Wines, Kenton Road. OUTSIDE LONDON COLCHESTER ODD ONE OUT, 28 Mersea Road. ELLAND (Yorks) BARGE & BARREL GODSTONE (Surrey) BELL INN, High Street HITCHIN (Herts) NEW FOUND OUT INN, Stevenage LEWES BREWERS ARMS, High Street. LINCOLN QUEEN VICTORIA, Union Road. MANCHESTER JOLLY ANGLER, Ducie Street. PETERBOROUGH STILL, Cumbergate. POTTERS BAR (Herts), CHEQUERS, Coopers Lane. READING HOOK & TACKLE, Katesgrove Lane.
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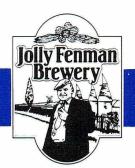
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